

NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 397

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PURPOSE: Consumer demand for organic foods is rapidly increasing. Nebraska farmers have an opportunity to become leaders in the growth and marketing of organic foods as farmers markets, grocery stores, restaurants, and other businesses continue to add more organic products in response. Organic foods provide economic development opportunities for Nebraska farmers, ranchers, and businesses. Organic products must maintain certain standards in order to be granted organic certification. This study shall include, but not be limited to, examination of the following:

- (1) Methods of increasing organic food production;
- (2) Whether tax credits or other incentives are an effective means of supporting organic food production;
- (3) Whether there are barriers to developing organic food production;
- (4) Methods of protecting organic foods from contamination by non-organic products; and
- (5) Methods of protecting, developing, and expanding markets for organic foods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature

shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study conduct a hearing and make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.